

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION	DOCKET NO. TF-03-67
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ORDER SETTING INTERVENTION DATE

(Issued August 11, 2003)

On March 10, 2003, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a proposed revision to its current transportation tariff. The proposed tariff has been identified as Docket No. TF-03-67. The proposed change would allow Atmos to charge transportation customers for the storage resources used on the transportation customer's behalf for daily balancing purposes. The current tariff gives transportation customers a 10 percent tolerance level for daily imbalances. The change would remove the tolerance level.

On April 8, 2003, the Board issued an order docketing the proposed tariff for further review. The Board indicated that it needed additional time to review the proposed changes and directed Atmos to send notice of the proposed changes to its transportation customers. On June 3, 2003, Atmos filed revisions to the proposed tariff and on June 4, 2003, Atmos filed copies of the letter it sent to its transportation customers explaining the change proposed in this filing. On July 11, 2003, Atmos filed a document showing the charges each transportation customer would have paid without the 10 percent tolerance for the 12-month period ending February 2003.

Comments concerning the proposed tariff revision were submitted by Griffin Wheel Company (Griffin Wheel), Keokuk Steel Castings Company (KSCC), and Elkem Carbon-Keokuk (Elkem Carbon). Roquette America, Inc., and Laclede Energy Resources (Laclede) contacted Atmos about the proposed revision but did not submit any comments. Laclede is the gas marketer for Roquette, Griffin Wheel, and KSCC.

Griffin Wheel requested that the Board reject the proposed revision since Atmos would be charging additional fees to transportation customers when there have been no changes in costs from the pipeline. Griffin Wheel stated that it does not believe Atmos has established that the present method is harming any party and requested the Board require that Atmos provide cost data to support the revision.

KSCC requested that the proposed tariff revision be rejected as a cost disadvantage to industrial customers. KSCC also expressed concerns that it would be charged an additional amount without any change in Atmos's service. Elkem Carbon stated that it was opposed to the revision since there was no corresponding change to Atmos's supply structure.

Based upon the objections to the proposed tariff, the Board will set a date for interested persons to intervene in this proceeding. Intervenors should address whether there are any disputed material issues of fact that will require the establishment of a procedural schedule and a hearing. After a review of the applications to intervene, the Board will consider what additional procedures are required to address this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1 Applications to intervene shall be filed on or before August 15, 2003.
- 2 Applications to intervene shall state whether there are any disputed material issues of fact that will require a hearing and identify the issues.
- 3 The Records and Information Center shall send a copy of this order to the eight transportation customers of Atmos Energy Corporation.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 11th day of August, 2003.